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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

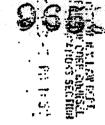
Plaintiff,

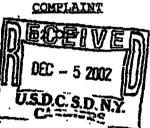
CITY OF NEW YORK,

Defendant.

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Plaintiff UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, by its attorney

JAMES B. COMEY, United States Attorney for the Southern District

of New York, on behalf of the United States Environmental

Protection Agency ("EPA"), for its complaint against defendant
herein alleges as follows:

## MATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This is a civil action brought pursuant to section 9006 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. § 6991e, for civil penalties and injunctive relief against the defendant City of New York (the "City" or "defendant"). This action seeks redress for the City's violations of requirements under RCRA and the regulations promulgated thereunder, codified at 40 C.F.R. part 280, regarding